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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Price et al.

Application No.: 09/164,862

Filed: October 1, 1998

For: YKL-40 AS A MARKER AND  
PROGNOSTIC INDICATOR FOR  
CANCERS

Examiner: Jennifer E. Hunt

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A courtesy copy of pending claims is submitted herewith, along with appendices containing marked-up copies of amended claims, a petition for extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows, without prejudice to subsequent renewal of the claims in their original form. Per the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the following claims are to be substituted for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s). Marked-up versions showing the changes to the claims are attached herewith.